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RULE 116 AMENDMENT RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Earl T. Carter
Serial No.: 09/415,293
Filing Date: October 8, 1999
Group Art Unit: 2132
Examiner: Abdulhakim Nobahar
Title:

BINARY STATE MACHINE SYSTEM AND
METHOD FOR REGEX PROCESSING OF A DATA
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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 30, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following Amendments thereto, and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.